



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tetsuya HIGUCHI

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

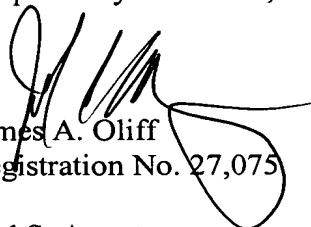
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the original signed Declaration of the Inventor. This Declaration corresponds to the facsimile copy of the Declaration filed on September 23, 2003.

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